

# FISCAL NOTE

## HB 2277 - SB 2464

February 21, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the following offenses: (1) Class E felony offense for projecting a laser at any law enforcement officer, firefighter, or bus driver while such person is acting within the scope of their duties with the intent to intimidate, threaten or debilitate and a Class D felony offense for a second offense; (2) Class A misdemeanor for projecting a laser at a motor vehicle operator causing an impairment of safety of the operation of the vehicle or at any person in order to intimidate, threaten, or debilitate that person.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500/Incarceration\***  
**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes one Class E felony conviction each year.  
Impact also depends upon the number of persons convicted of this Class A misdemeanor offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill which is not estimated to be significant.

*\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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